

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHAKA CASTRO, D-1,

Defendant.

Case No. 15-cr-20200
Honorable Laurie J. Michelson

**ORDER GRANTING IN PART GOVERNMENT’S EMERGENCY MOTION TO
CONTINUE TRIAL [318] AND GRANTING MOTION IN LIMINE TO
INTRODUCE DEFENDANT’S STATEMENTS [308]**

The defendant remaining for trial, Chaka Castro, has been charged in a Second Superseding Indictment with, among other things, participating in a RICO conspiracy to commit a series of home robberies and aiding and abetting the use of a firearm in relation to a crime of violence. (*See* R. 96.)

After several adjournments, the parties were ready once again to start trial on March 11, 2019. But one week prior, on March 4, 2019, one of the three Government lawyers on the trial team learned that her father had passed away. A few days later, she resigned from the trial team that she had been a part of for four years. And the Government then filed an Emergency Motion to Continue Trial for 90 days.

For the reasons stated more fully on the record on March 18, 2019 during the Court’s oral ruling, the Government’s motion is GRANTED IN PART. The trial is hereby rescheduled for **May 7, 2019 at 8:30 am**. The joint jury instructions and verdict form shall be submitted no later than **April 22, 2019** and exhibit binders by **April 30, 2019**.

Also for the reasons set forth in the Government's motion and the Court's ruling, the time period from March 25, 2019, through May 7, 2019, shall be deemed excludable delay under the Speedy Trial Act. The Court finds, specifically in consideration of 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161(h)(7)(A) and 3161(h)(7)(B)(i), that the ends of justice served by allowing a more limited continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

It is further ordered for the reasons stated on the record that the Government's Motion in Limine to Allow Government to Introduce Defendant's Statements (ECF No. 308) is GRANTED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/Laurie J. Michelson
LAURIE J. MICHELSON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Date: March 19, 2019

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was served upon counsel of record on this date, March 19, 2019, using the Electronic Court Filing system.

s/William Barkholz
Case Manager